





Literature, are *The King's Mirror* and *The Poetic Edda*.

Written as a conversation between a father and his son, *The King's Mirror* was most likely written around 1230 A.D., and certainly before 1263 A.D. The long-forgotten author is believed to have lived in the middle of Norway, south of the Arctic Circle. One conversation clearly centers on the aurora: "That matter you have often inquired about what can be (sic) and which the Greenlanders call the northern lights (nordurloft), the Isarher told his son, 'I have no clear knowledge about it. I have often met people who have spent a long time in Greenland, and they do not seem to know definitely what it is either.'"

Nevertheless, in a later conversation, the father offers explanations of the aurora: "Because some believe that fire circles about the ocean and all the bodies of water that stream about on the outer sides of the globe; and since Greenland lies on the outermost edge of the earth to the north, they think it is possible that these lights shine forth from the fires that encircle the outer ocean. Others have suggested that during the hours of the night, when the sun's course is beneath the earth, an occasional gleam of its light may shoot up into the sky; for they insist that Greenland lies so far out on the earth's edge that the curved surface which shuts out the sunlight must be less prominent there. But there are still others who believe (and it seems to me likely) that the ice and the glaciers have become so powerful there that they are able to radiate forth these flames."

The father probably never saw the aurora, but heard about it from people visiting Greenland, Brekke and Egelund say. If this is true, then there are good reasons to believe that the aurora was an uncommon phenomenon in Norway in the middle of the 13th century. They continue, "Since the aurora was known in Greenland, however, it must be concluded that the oval aurora was very much shrunken (sic) with respect to the present oval or that the oval was situated differently with respect to present position."

Statements relating the aurora to poems in the epic *The Poetic Edda* often are based on misconceptions, Brekke and Egelund maintain. The *Edda* is a collection of poems that may date back to 700 A.D. but were written mostly between 1000 and 1100 A.D. When Icelandic Finnur Magnússon translated the hero-Idolizing poems in 1821 (the first time the *Edda* was completely translated), he was strongly influenced by mythology and national romanticism, the authors say. Magnússon's translation of the poems embodies a large gallery of gods, heroes, and giants who personified certain forces and phenomena in nature. For example, he attributed the northern lights to the reflections of the Valkyries' shields. Such indirect reference is odd, Brekke and Egelund say, because other natural phenomena like rainbow, arglow, and lightning are plainly referred to in the *Edda*. It is clear, they say, that the authors of the poems in the *Edda* were aware of optical visions in the air, and it is puzzling that the aurora do not receive similar treatment.

So, Brekke and Egelund searched for an explanation. They believe, from their review of geomagnetic, paleomagnetic, and solar studies, that low solar activity accompanied by a strong magnetic field caused the aurora oval to move toward the pole, thereby making the aurora an uncommon site in parts of Scandinavia and Greenland. Variation in the

strength of the geomagnetic dipole field, they explain, will move the auroral oval poleward if solar activity is constant.—BTR. 5

## New Geophysics Institute at U Texas

A new Institute for Geophysics has been established at the University of Texas at Austin. It will administer ongoing research programs in the university's geophysics laboratory in Galveston, Texas. Home base for UT's two research ships, the Galveston lab had been a unit of the university's Marine Science Institute and some related research programs in the geological sciences department.

Paul Donoho, a research scientist at the Galveston lab, has been appointed acting director of the institute. 5

## Geophysicists

Three of the eight scientists appointed to the Atlantic Richfield Company's new Science Advisory Council are AGU members. *Leon T. Silver* (Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences at Caltech), *Laurence Louis Sloss* (Department of Geological Sciences, Northwestern University), and *Robert White* (University Corporation for Atmospheric Research) will join council chairman Philip Hendler, former president of the National Academy of Sciences, in advising the company on emerging and future technologies.



Priscilla C. Gray has been appointed by California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., as a Commissioner of the California Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco. She was formerly the director of the California Division of Mines and Geology.

Peter W. Hacker recently began a 2-year term as program director of the Physical Oceanography Program at the National Science Foundation. He succeeds Ya Hsueh, who has returned to Florida State University following a 1-year stint at NSF. Hacker was program director of the Physical Oceanography Program for 3 years prior to Hsueh's term. Previously, Hacker was at the Johns Hopkins University and the Chesapeake Bay Institute.

Peter Nilner has been appointed a Distinguished Visiting Scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. A leading au-

## Forum

### Methane

I was surprised to read (*Eos*, 62(32), 618, 1981) that a Caltex-Gulf Research and Development Company gas emission monitoring study along the San Andreas rift zone has so far recorded no methane. The same story credits me with finding methane along the East Pacific Rise, in Tibet, and in other exotic locations. However, right here in our own backyard my laboratory has been monitoring methane emissions at more than a dozen sites for more than 5 years, on the San Andreas, San Jacinto, and Elmore faults (Craig et al., 1980a). These data have been reported to USGS at 6-month intervals, to Cal Tech on a number of occasions, and presented at AGU meetings (Craig et al., 1980a). Your story clearly does not inspire great confidence in industry's exploration for new natural gas deposits.

For the record, methane may be found (Craig et al., 1980b) at sites along the San Andreas in Southern California in the following concentrations (cc (STP)/kg of water): Arrowhead Hot Springs (0.04), Desert Hot Springs (0.004), Palm Springs (0.03), and in the Salton Sea area at Hot Mineral Well (0.20), Bashford's Baths (0.60), Pillingers Well (0.40), and at Niland Slab Well (0.5 to 0.05, decreasing with time). Methane is also found at four sites on the Elmore fault and two sites on the San Jacinto. Concentrations up to 1.5 cc/kg are found at Murietta Hot Springs and Eden Hot Springs. Admittedly, these are not Lake Kivu concentrations, but our data do indicate that methane occurs in easily measurable concentrations almost everywhere along these major fault systems where hot springs and thermal wells are found. We monitor our sites at monthly intervals and will be happy to provide guides and pointers to Gulf's methane sniffers.

H. Craig  
Scripps Institution of Oceanography  
University of California at San Diego

### References

- Craig, H., Y. Chung, R. Poreda, J. Lupton, and S. Damasceno, Fluid-phase earthquake precursor studies in Southern California. *Eos*, 61, 1035, 1980a.  
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authority on the physics of large-scale, long-term circulation of the oceans and the interaction between the upper layers of the ocean and the lower layers of the atmosphere, Nilner has been a professor of oceanography since 1974 at Oregon State University. He was previously a professor of oceanography at Nova University in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and has held research appointments at Harvard University and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

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- Aquaculture Economics: Basic Concepts and Methods of Analysis*, Y. C. Shang, Westview Press, Boulder, Colorado, xvi + 153 pp., 1981, \$20.00.  
*Aquatic Chemistry: An Introduction Emphasizing Chemical Equilibria in Natural Waters*, 2nd ed., W. Stumm and J. J. Morgan, John Wiley, New York, xiv + 780 pp., 1981, \$45.00.  
*Bottom-Interacting Ocean Acoustics*, W. A. Kuperman and F. B. Jansen (Eds.), Plenum, New York, xl + 717 pp., 1980, \$75.00.  
*Climate's Impact on Food Supplies: Strategies and Technologies for Climate-Defensive Food Production*, L. E. Slater and S. K. Levin (Eds.), Westview Press, Boulder, Colorado, xiv + 243 pp., 1981, \$22.00.  
*Earthquake Risk and Damage Functions: Application to New Madrid*, B. Liu, C. Hsieh, R. Guatesson, C. Nutt, and R. Genies, Westview Press, Boulder, Colorado, xiv + 297 pp., 1981, \$32.00.  
*The Estuarine Ecosystem*, D. S. McLusky, John Wiley, New York, viii + 160 pp., 1981.  
*Fishes Interpretation and the Stratigraphic Record*, A. Hallam, W. H. Freeman, San Francisco, California, xii + 281 pp., 1981, \$27.95. (hardbound).  
*Free Oscillations of the Earth*, E. R. Lapwood and T. Usami, Cambridge University Press, New York, xii + 243 pp., 1981, \$49.95.  
*A Guide to Obtaining Information From the USGS*, 1981, USGS, 42 pp., 1981. (Available free of charge from the U.S. Geological Survey, Text Products Section, Eastern Distribution Branch, 604 South Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304.)  
*Sedimentary Petrology: An Introduction*, M. E. Tucker, John Wiley, New York, viii + 252 pp., 1981, \$29.95.  
*Spaceborne Synthetic Aperture Radar for Oceanography*, R. C. Beal, P. S. DeLeonibus, and I. Katz (Eds.), John Hopkins Press, Baltimore, Maryland, 215 pp., 1981, \$19.50 (hardcover).

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Send resume and references to Professor G. J. Wabersburg, Lunar Asylum, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA 91125.  
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In the event the top candidates are about equally qualified, preference will be given to applicants for one of the positions who have experience that will allow them to teach a modern course in petroleum and subsurface geology or to applicants who will participate in the Department's summer field geology teaching program.

Priority will be given to applications received by November 8, 1981. Applications will be accepted from qualified candidates until the positions are filled.

Applicants should send a letter of application, a resume, and names of three references to:

Anthony W. Walton  
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**Structural Geology/University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.** [Search response] The Geology Department is seeking a structural geologist for a tenure-track (assistant professor) faculty position. A Ph.D. is required. Salary open. The successful candidate will be expected to teach advanced undergraduate and graduate courses in structural geology and establish a research program. For equal consideration, applications, including the names of three references, should be sent by February 1, 1982 to Dr. O. E. Anderson, Department of Geology, University of Illinois, 245 Natural History Building, 1301 West Green Street, Urbana, IL 61801-2999. [217] 333-6713.

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### AGU Selects Science Fellow

George H. Shaw, an associate professor in the geology and geophysics department at the University of Minnesota, is the 1981-1982 AGU Congressional Science Fellow. The fifth person to be selected for the program, he recently began his 1-year term on Capitol Hill.

Rock and mineral physics (including physical properties of minerals under high pressure, phase relations, and polymorphism) are Shaw's main research interests. His most recent research includes studies on the elastic properties of polymorphic materials under high pressure and moderate temperatures, elastic behavior in solid-solid equilibrium systems, extrapolation of elastic properties of mixtures at high pressure, the equation of state of alkali metal liquids, and calculations on the energy of planetary core formations. He is also interested in the hydrology of kerat laminae and the impact of human activity on groundwater quality in such areas.

Shaw has been an associate professor since 1978; before that he was an assistant professor for 5 years. Prior to receiving his Ph.D. in geology from the University of Washington in 1971, he earned 1 year as a research associate in geophysics and geology at Washington. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Edinburgh for 1 year and served as an assistant professor at the Florida International University for 2 years.

The AGU Congressional Science Fellow program is one of about 20 society programs that make up the American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows Program. This program is designed to involve fellows in making public policy within Congress by working either on the staff of a member of Congress, for a congressional committee, or in some other area of Congress.—BTR



### Scholarship for Women in Atmospheric Sciences

The fourth annual June Bacon-Bercey Scholarship for Women in Atmospheric Sciences has been awarded to Becky Ross, a first-year graduate student in atmospheric science at Purdue University.

Ms. Ross is from Waterloo, Iowa, and received her bachelor's degree in physics from Bryn Mawr College in 1980. For her master's degree she is investigating small-scale structure in the mesoscale cellular convection with a research group under E. M. Agee that will, it is hoped, indicate more clearly how the final steady state convection is formed. She plans to obtain a Ph.D. and continue in research, either academic or private.

This scholarship is awarded annually to a woman who is pursuing a degree in the atmospheric sciences, and it is given on the basis of academic achievement and promise to a student who intends to make atmospheric sciences her career.

The scholarship is made possible through a gift from June Bacon-Bercey, a noted meteorologist, who, during her career, served as an oceanographer, a weather analyst for the National Meteorological Center, a radar meteorologist for the New York City Public Forecast Office, an engineer for the Fort Instrument Corporation, and as a consultant with the Atomic Energy Commission. She is currently with NOAA.

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## Meetings

### GSA Symposium: Call For Papers

A call for papers has been issued for two symposia slated for the Rocky Mountain Sectional Meeting of the Geological Society of America. The two symposia, "Structure and Tectonic Evolution of the Fold-and-Thrust Belt" and "Geologic Aspects of the Disposal of High-Level Nuclear Waste in Igneous Rocks," will be held in Bozeman, Mont., on May 7-8, 1982.

The 1-to-2-day symposium on fold-and-thrust belts will be subdivided into three general categories: structural geology of the western Montana fold-and-thrust belt; tectonics and regional geophysics of the northwestern United States; and oil and gas resources of the northern Rocky Mountain fold-and-thrust belt. Submit one copy of the abstract by November 15 to the symposium chairman: David Lagoon, Department of Earth Sciences, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717.

The one-half-to-1-day symposium on nuclear-waste disposal will emphasize the hydrogeologic, geochemical, mineralogical, petrographic, structural, and thermal-mechanical aspects of the problem. Papers that treat the basic science of high-level nuclear waste disposal in igneous rocks will be preferred to project progress reports. Send one copy of the abstract to Klaus Kuli, symposium chairman, Department of Geology and Institute of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131; deadline is November 15.

### Space Simulation Conference

A call for papers has been issued for the 12th Space Simulation Conference, entitled "Shuttle Plus One: A New View of Space." The purpose of the conference is to provide in Pasadena, Calif., from May 17 to 19, 1982, is to provide a forum for the review and the exchange of information and ideas on current space simulation technology and closely related disciplines. Projections for testing requirements and related development for the coming decade also will be discussed.

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The conference is soliciting papers covering space simulation facilities, space program trends, remote sensing, thermal simulation, shuttle flight results, space physics, spacecraft testing, and unique facilities.

Three copies of proposed abstracts should be sent to the technical program chairman, John W. Harrell, 144/210, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, CA 91108. Authors should attach a cover letter, which states the complete paper title, the author's name, affiliation, address, and telephone number. All papers must be unclassified and not published previously. The abstract deadline is October 1.

The conference is hosted by the Institute of Environmental Sciences (IES) and is supported by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the American Society for Testing and Materials, and NASA/JPL.

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